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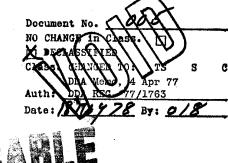
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- On 25 April 1949, the Soviets requested Kokstein (fnu), charge d'affaires of the Czechoslovak Legation in Vienna, to prepare an inventory of all Czechoslovak assets and claims in Austria, which could be used during the London treaty negotiations to protect Czechoslovak interests in Austria, and by virtue of which the Soviets could avoid releasing any properties to Austria which are claimed by Czechoslovakia. Kokstein believes that his records are too incomplete for an accurate inventory but has prepared a report which was to be submitted to the Soviets on 28 April.
- The Soviets also requested Kokstein's aid in determining the true status of the balance of trade between Austria and the satellites. The Soviets regard as exaggerated the 38% balance listed in Austrian publications. They are interested in legitimate trade statistics only and not in black market transactions.

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